

February 7, 2013

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:00 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Shelton, Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Chief Beloit; Asst. Chief Harms; Ed Adams; Boy Scouts; Nancy Sexton; Jerry Walden; Bldg. Comm. Sherry Willis; Pam Robinson – Posey County News; and Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Curtis moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Shelton moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the report of the Water Chairman.

Water Chairman Curtis stated Supt. Gray is absent this evening, instead attending safety training on pipelines, etc. He continued by stating work in the intakes continues, though with the river now coming back up, they have had to stop. He stated hopefully that work will continue again soon, depends on the river levels, but it should be complete in two weeks.

Board member Fuelling asked if they were still working on the lamella building ?

Chairman Curtis replied yes, and that should also be complete in a week or two.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasure had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Fuelling moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer

The Common Council met immediately following the Water Utility Board on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Shelton, Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Chief Beloit; Asst. Chief Harms; Ed Adams; Boy Scouts; Nancy Sexton; Jerry Walden; Bldg. Comm. Sherry Willis; Pam Robinson – Posey County News; and Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat.

Mayor Tucker stated before he calls the meeting to order, we have some Boy Scouts in the Audience. He called them forward and asked if they had any questions or comments. They did not, but indicated they were working on a scout badge and may have questions late. Mayor Tucker then welcomed them to the meeting, and then called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Councilman Curtis moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilman Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street & Light Chairman Hoehn stated he has no report but is glad he is not in Boston right now, awaiting a blizzard.

Mayor Tucker stated Comm. Maynard is attending safety training and is not present. He then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Police & Dog Chairwoman Higgins stated she has no report.

Chief Beloit stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Fire Chairwoman Shelton stated she has no report, other than she did meet with Chief Dixon last week and they went over things he would like to do this year, goals, etc.

Asst. Chief Harms stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Sewer Chairman Fuelling stated he has made a couple of trips to the plant and it is very impressive. It is a nice facility and he knows the employees really appreciate it.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated they have the Financial Report for January before them and any questions could be directed to Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda.

Attorney Higgins stated the first item is the first reading of a proposed Ordinance Adopting a Policy Concerning Vacant Structures and Adopting Standards for the Maintenance of Buildings. She added the city is getting ready to take an aggressive stance on dilapidated buildings. She stated the city has already adopted the State law on this and they now need to reaffirm the city's commitment. She added she has worked with Bldg. Comm. Willis on this and she is present for any questions. Mrs. Willis has reviewed the ordinance and also received input from some personnel up in Indianapolis on the international building codes that have been included. She concluded by stating the Board of Works today approved a public hearing to be held on March 7 concerning the performance bonds and structures in reference to continuances. She asked if there were any questions ?

Councilman Hoehn asked if there is anything here beyond State law ?

Mrs. Willis replied no, it is word for word the City of Evansville's code.

Councilman Hoehn asked if the Evansville code also has international codes as well?

Mrs. Willis replied yes and added Mount Vernon has some now, but the ones included in this ordinance are new.

Councilman Hoehn asked if Mrs. Willis is supportive of this ordinance ?

Mrs. Willis replied yes and stated she has researched it for several months. If they will notice Section III that is almost word for word what Evansville uses. She added Indianapolis also gave her some suggestions on how to put more "teeth" in it.

Councilman Curtis stated Mrs. Willis is put in a very difficult position with the current ordinance and he feels it is important to move forward. He then moved the ordinance pass on first reading. Seconded by Councilman Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

Councilman Hoehn stated he is having some heartburn over the fiscal impact statement. He added this ordinance appears to be more involved than the current one and therefore would be quite a bit more expensive to enforce, but they don't really know ?

Mrs. Willis replied that is correct.

Attorney Higgins added there are currently appropriations for this that are more than they have had in the past.

Mrs. Willis stated the weakest part of their ordinance before was on the commercial end, not residential.

Mayor Tucker stated this year there is \$130,000 appropriated for this.

Attorney Higgins added if there would need to be more than that spent, it would have to come before the Council in the form of an additional appropriation.

Mayor Tucker stated they have addressed 69 properties so far. He then asked if there were any other questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Shelton – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Higgins stated the annexation study listed on the Agenda will be presented at the March 7 meeting.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any other Legals ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council ?

Jerry Walden stated he would like to let the Council know, on behalf of the County, that the mess on Leonard Road with the trailers will be taken care of. He added IDEM has now taken this project up, which will save the County quite a bit of money. So, it is in the works.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone else in the Audience wished to address the Council ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

1st District Councilwoman Shelton stated she has no report.

2nd District Councilman Fuelling stated he has no report.

3rd District Councilman Hoehn stated he has no report.

4th District Councilman Curtis stated he has no report.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated she has no report.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Hoehn moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

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